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PRESIDENT: The motion carried and the committee report is adopted and the members therein are confirmed. I would like to announce that Senator VonMinden has some guests in the north balcony this morning, 16 members from the Sophomore Class from Newcastle High School in Newcastle and their sponsor, Mr. Tom Surprenant. Welcome to the Legislature. Now we have on the agenda a motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chronister would move to reconsider the DeCamp motion to suspend rules and introduce a new bill, Request 991. The Senator Chronister motion is on page 129<sup>4</sup> of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chronister.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Mr. President and colleagues, on March 31st this body was asked to suspend the rules for the introduction of a new bill that was presented by Senator DeCamp and Senator Pappas. This bill called for the creation of an act to adopt the Industrial Financing Corporation Act. This act was simply an instrument that could be used by municipalities in an attempt to reduce unemployment in their city. It recognizes the seriousness of unemployment and it gives the municipality the means to try to correct this in that it would give the municipality the power to condemn an industrial facility in their city limits. A situation comparable to this exists in Schuyler today. We have the Land O'Lakes packing plant that has been out of production since December 17th of last year. At one time there were efforts on both the part of the union and the company to get together trying to resolve their problems. In the last month these efforts have deteriorated until at the present time both sides are just sitting there and show no inclination to make any effort trying to get the plant into production. When this bill first appeared on the floor, there were arguments, two of them were that we are too busy, we don't have time. I don't think those arguments hold water at a time like this because if we don't have any concerns about people and their jobs, we shouldn't be concerned or too busy for anything. I hope some of the senators who spoke in that vein have reconsidered their actions and will think more in terms of supporting this effort to reintroduce a bill. If there are any questions, I will be glad to answer them, but I ask for you to support the reintroduction of this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman and members of the